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| Application Number | 10/804,716 |
| Filing Date | March 19, 2004 |
| Art Unit | |
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I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

CONVERTIBLE SOFT TOP FOR A SPORT UTILITY OR SIMILAR VEHICLE

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

is attached hereto

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03/19/2004

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Application Number 10/804,716 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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| Prior Foreign Application Number(s) | Country | Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | Priority Not Claimed | Certified Copy Attached? Yes | Certified Copy Attached? No |
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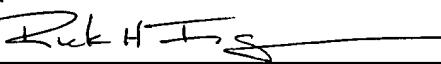
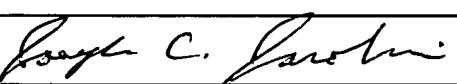
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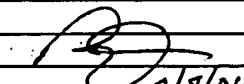
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Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)

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